



# The Rotary Club of Surat West

R.I. District 3060 Zone 4-B



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**Rtn. Jennifer Jones**  
R.I. President - 2022 - 2023



**Rtn. Shrikant Indani**  
D.G. 3060 - 2022-2023



**Rtn. Tanmay Agrawal**  
Club President



**Rtn. Sanjay Jalan**  
Hon. Club Secretary

**Bulletin Editor : Rtn. Mausam Jalan**

FROM THE DESK OF BULLET-IN EDITOR



My Dear Rotary Surat West Family,

The New team for the Rotary Year 2023 -2024 has been elected.

Under the able and dedicated leadership of President Elect **Rtn Sonal Shah**, Rotary Club of Surat West will scale new heights of Service Projects and fellowship Programs.

I wish the New team all my Good wishes for their New Journey to begin from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023

I also Congratulate **Rtn Ishant Sethi** for being Elected as President Nominee for the Rotary Year 2024 -2025

I also Congratulate **PP Rtn Bhavesh Shah** for Special Recognition from the IPDG, for his services to the Rotary International Dist -3060

Regards

Rtn Mausam Jalan

Bulletin Editor – Year 2022-23



On 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2022, Wednesday **Board Cum Election Meeting** was held at the residence of Rtn Gauran Goel & Rtn Ritu Goel to Elect the New Team for the Rotary Year 2023-24 and also the President Nominee for the Rotary Year 2024 -25.

It was a wonderful Wednesday evening when our Rotary westMembers were present to Elect the Team for Rotary Year 2023-24 & President Elect for the Rotary Year 2024 -25

President Rtn Tanmay Agrwal welcomed everyone to the meeting followed by Hon Sec Rtn Sanjay Jalan who read out the minutes of the last Board meeting

The Financial Club status was presented by PP Rtn Tinish Mody. Financial status till date was correctly presented. Discussion was made on pending club dues of a few members. A request will be made to those members to deposit the pending fees at the earliest.

Scrutiny Officer IPP Rtn Mitesh Bhagat Started the Process of Election , to Elect the Vice President, Hon Secretary, Jt Secretary, Treasurer and 5 Directors for the Rotary Year 2023 -24 as well as the President Nominee for the Rotary Year 2024 -25.

He explained how all the Nomination Slips were received by him on time and He found them all to be Complete and in Order

President Elect Rtn Sonal Shah addressed the members present and promised to give her Best in the Rotary Year 2023 -24

**The following Members were elected Unanimously to the Board for the Rotary Year 2023 – 24**

**President : Rtn Sonal Shah**

**Vice President : Rtn Sanjay Jalan**

**Hon Secretary : Rtn Meeta Kapoor**

**Jt Secretary : Rtn Mausam Jalan**

**Hon Treasurer : Rtn Hem Mody**

**Director : PP Rtn Geeta Modi**

**Director : PP Rtn Hitendra Mody**

**Director : Rtn Rakhi Gandhi**

**Director : Rtn Gunjan Agrawal**

**Director : Rtn Mukesh Jain**

**Rtn Ishant Sethi was elected as President Nominee for the Rotary Year 2024 -25 Unanimously.**

The Meeting ended with a Vote of thanks from President Nomine  
For the Year 2024 -25 Rtn Ishant Sethi



The Meeting was attended by 30 Members including the New and old Board Members. Rtn Ritu Goel and Rtn Gaurang Goel were Excellent Host.



**Old Clothes Distribution was successfully Carried out by First Lady Rtn Gunjan Agrawal on 17.12.2022.**

The Old clothes Donated by Members of Rotary Club of Surat west was distributed to needy people as per their requirement by Rtn Gunjan Agrawal at Om Palace, Vesu.





## **Christmas Party & Dance Competition**

On 24<sup>th</sup> December 2022 on Christmas Eve Rotary Club of Surat West Organised a Mega Christmas Party for its members at The amore Banquet Halls.

After the Birthday and Anniversaries announcement. 4 New female Members were inducted as Members of the Club.

**Mrs Rakhi Setu Gandhi – Wife of PP Rtn Setu Gandhi**



**Mrs Sneha Amit Agrawal – Wife of Rtn Amit Agrawal**



**Mrs Tripti Rajeev Goel – Wife of Rtn Rajeev Goel**



**Mrs Hem Tinsih Mody – Wife of PP Rtn Tinish Mody.**



**Members of Rotay Club of Surat West Participated in the Couple Dance Competition with full Vogour and Enthusiam.**





## 53rd District Conference : Anushree

23rd, 24th & 25th December 2022 at Aurangabad.



### 53rd District Conference



**23rd, 24th, 25th, December 2022**

Our Club received 2 more awards, over and above so many awards received during last District conference:

1. Our Club received TRF Banner for 100% contribution
2. PP Bhavesh Shah was given Special Recognition from the IPDG, for his services to the Rotary International District 3060





## Rotary and UNICEF handover LKR 47 million worth of medicines to the Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka.



15th December 2022, Colombo, Sri Lanka. The Rotary International President Jennifer Jones and the UNICEF Representative for Sri Lanka, Christian Skoog, handed over LKR 47 million worth of medicines under the Lifeline project, to the Minister of Health, Keheliya Rambukwella, to help the delivery of health services at a time the country is facing shortages due to the economic crisis.

The medicines valued at U\$D 130,000 (approx. 47 million LKR) were urgently procured by UNICEF with funds raised by Rotary's global network and alumni through the online donation platform <https://lifelinesrilanka.rotary.unicef.org.au>

"We are happy to present the 1st consignment of the medicines to the Ministry of Health so that the people of Sri Lanka can be served," said Jennifer Jones. "Rotary will continue to find ways of supporting the country which is very special. Your country has such wonderful people with smiling faces all the time. We must make sure to save that smile in the future," she said.



# To strengthen health security, finish the job on polio eradication

BY JENNIFER JONES AND ELIZABETH M. COUSENS

We face a defining moment in global health. In the face of COVID-19 fatigue and economic pressures, policymakers face a choice about their long-standing commitment to fund crucial immunization and health worker initiatives. Programs that have successfully prevented millions of deaths, strengthened health systems, and fueled economic growth are now stalled or under threat. Any lack of resolve may reverse decades of progress and leave the world more susceptible to future health threats.

As leaders from dozens of African countries meet this week in Washington, D.C., U.S. policymakers have an opportunity to help strengthen regional and global health security. By working collaboratively, they can affirm the value of global health investments like the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) and the Biden administration's Global Health Worker Initiative in creating a healthier, safer, and more equitable world.

Both programs exemplify the smart investments we need to take right now as all countries emerge from the acute phase of the pandemic. They are grounded in principles that have delivered outstanding performance results over the years and harness various existing resources to amplify impact and improve health security.

Consider the global effort to eradicate polio, which has reduced cases by an astonishing 99.9 percent worldwide and harnessed innovations to detect, contain, and mitigate new cases. To achieve the goal set unanimously by over 160 member countries in



1988 to rid the world of the polio virus forever, nations and philanthropies pledged \$2.6 billion to the GPEI during the World Health Summit – barely half of the funding commitment it needs to achieve the eradication target within the next five years.

Closing the funding gap for GPEI and supporting the expansion and retention of more health workers around the world will deliver the innovative resources needed to save lives and deliver proper health security against infectious disease. Cutting-edge advances in data analytics can locate unvaccinated children, allowing public health workers to reach them more efficiently and effectively. Innovative platforms, such as the Africa Infodemic Response Alliance, can track rumors in social media and provide tools to address misinformation and disinformation. And one of the most exciting new advances, nOPV2, can help stop polio outbreaks and reduce the risk of further outbreaks.

Such investments confer benefits far beyond polio eradication by strengthening health emergency and pandemic response systems that the world desperately needs as it continues to tackle COVID-19 and prepare for future health threats.

With 145 laboratories across 90+ countries, polio infrastructure constitutes one of the largest disease surveillance systems in the world. While built for polio detection, these systems can detect and respond to outbreaks of other vaccine-preventable diseases, including measles, yellow fever, and neonatal tetanus. Alongside this vast surveillance network, the GPEI coordinates advanced data monitoring and disease response systems from Emergency Operations Centers worldwide and supports over 300,000 frontline workers and community mobilizers who are critical first responders for many global health threats.

Most of these frontline workers are also women, instrumental in ensuring equal vaccination of girls and boys and helping break down gender barriers at the individual, household and community levels that hinder access to immunizations. The polio eradication effort from the beginning has understood the imperative of supporting women's needs on the frontlines, ensuring that women are represented in operational and strategic decision-making, and creating a more gender-equitable institutional culture. A push by the U.S. and other governments to fund polio eradication programs and invest in frontline health workers worldwide helps deliver real solutions to persistent gender equity issues while maximizing returns on fundamental health investments.

Now is not the time for delay. COVID-19's disruption to immunization writ large left nearly 25 million children under the age of one unprotected from preventable diseases such as measles and polio in 2021 alone. Polio is currently being detected in places where it was previously stamped out, including the U.S., and more than 30 countries are facing outbreaks, a stark reminder of the need to maintain high immunization coverage against preventable diseases. By ensuring full support for initiatives like GPEI and the Global Health Worker Initiative, political leaders will deliver a crucial victory for health security in the U.S., Africa and around the world.



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## President Speaks

### Building connection through comfort and care



Monika Lozinska

RI President Jennifer Jones with Rotaract members at World Polio Day 2022 and Beyond: A Healthier Future for Mothers and Children, an event at the World Health Organisation in Geneva.

Rotary recently surveyed our members and found something that should be unsurprising but still caused many of us in Rotary leadership to sit up and pay attention: The single most important factor in member satisfaction is the club experience. How at home you feel in your club, how rewarding club meetings are, and how engaged you feel in service projects.

I have seen this firsthand across the Rotary world this year. When members feel an emotional connection to their club, they cannot imagine leaving. And that connection is often forged in “Rotary moments,” when people feel that special connection to the people around them and the impact of their service. Our *Imagine Impact Tour* is all about shining a light on those Rotary moments and encouraging our members to tell their stories.

But there’s something else that makes an enormous difference in building and sustaining that

connection. It’s the comfort and care of our members — both Rotarians and Rotaractors. As my Rotary friend Todd Jenkins says, “People can’t see how you think, but they sure can see your actions.”

We are in the relationship business, and if we take care of each other — genuinely show concern for each other — then we will make friends for life, and we will do anything to widen that circle of friendship.

The question is: How do we live with our eyes wide open and do the things that really matter? We do this by taking time for each other, actively listening to one another, and treating every Rotary member as equally valuable — no matter how long we have been a member or what position we hold. People like me in Rotary leadership can offer all kinds of advice about how to make your club experience more valuable. But what’s most important is for everyone in every Rotary club to speak up

and listen to one another. We should never be afraid to share with our fellow Rotary member what we expect to get out of our membership and have an open discussion about how to make that happen.

To lead a Rotary club is to invite such dialogue and to be willing to try new approaches. Good leadership is giving it away. Propping others up. Allowing others to feel the victory.

I have one last request for club leaders. We still need to do more worldwide to increase our female membership. It’s up a bit this year, but I know we can and must do better. Rotary is growing again. As I write this, we’re just a handful of members away from surpassing 1.2 million Rotarians again. So let’s redouble our efforts to bolster our clubs with great new members, then keep them for life by providing comfort and care.

**Jennifer Jones**  
President  
Rotary International



## Rotary Youth Exchange



2023 New Years' resolution: experience a new culture! Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) can help.

RYE offers students the opportunity to learn a new language, experience another culture, and become global citizens. Exchanges are for students ages 15-19 and are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries.

## Mrs. Rajshree Birla and Polio Eradication Program

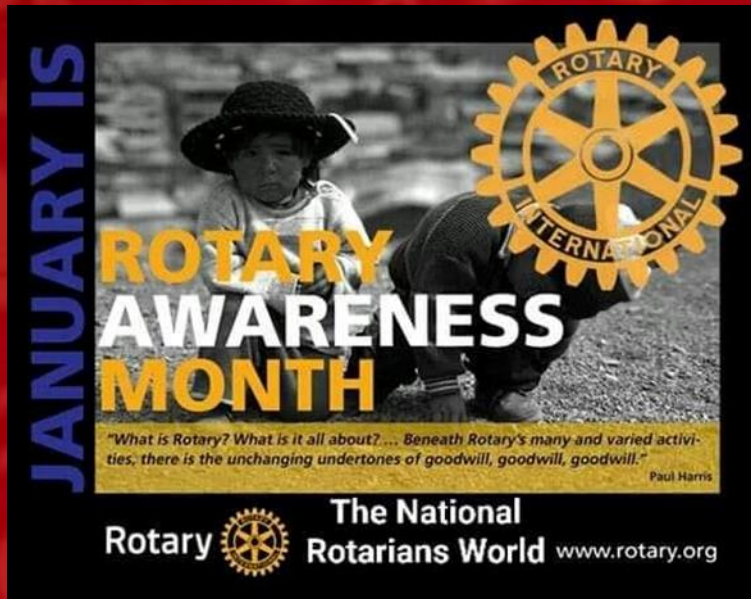


Mrs. Rajshree Birla, India has made another contribution of \$1million to Rotary's polio fund thus making her contribution to over \$ 16million.

**She will be the second biggest giver to Rotary after Bill Gates**



# JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH



**This is the month for us to consider how our Rotary values – and our own actions** – influence public perceptions of Rotary. Rotary's strategic plan outlines five core values that define and guide us as we chart a course into our second century of service.

**Service is our first value**, as it should be. The focus of service is reflected in our primary motto, Service Above Self. We have the potential to create better, safer, and healthier communities, one project at a time.

**Fellowship is the reason Rotary was founded** over 100 years ago. The friendship, the camaraderie, and the wonderful sense of doing something good together is what keeps us all looking forward to our Rotary meetings week after week.

Diversity is an aspect of Rotary that becomes more important with every passing year.

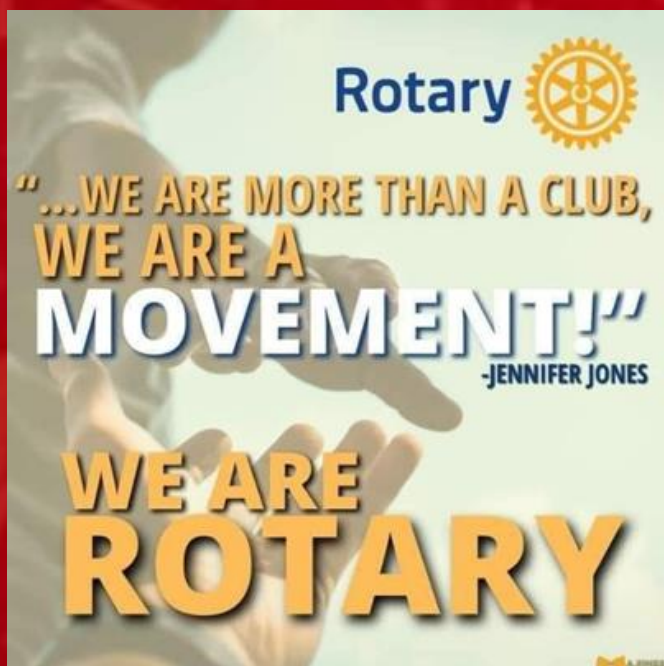
**Integrity is fundamental to the organization's identity**. Every Rotarian is a guardian of the reputation that generations of

Rotarians have worked to build. When we maintain the highest ethical standards in all of our dealings, we strengthen the trust that allows us to serve more effectively.

**Leadership, the fifth, and final, core value.** Each of us must remember, with our every action, that we are Rotarians. When we are chosen to become Rotarians, and when we choose to accept that honour, we take it upon ourselves to become representatives of the entire organization.

**When we are known as Rotarians, then everything we do reflects upon us all. By living by our core values and committing to Service Above Self, we build a stronger Rotary and a better world for all.**

## Rotary Wisdom



**Rotary International Data Courtesy :**

**PDG Rtn Devendra Shastri**





*Merry  
Christmas*

**Rotary Club of Surat West wishes you  
all Merry Christmas and a Prosperous,  
Joyfull, Event-full and Happy new Year  
2023.**